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GROUP 1652"

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF :
BRIGITTE BATHE, ET AL. : EXAMINER: RICHARD HUTSON
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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Official Action of March 23, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections of record and allowance of this application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 11.